

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

I. Interview with the Examiner

Applicants' representatives, Richard F. Giunta and Melissa A. Beede, thank the Examiner for his courtesy in granting and conducting a telephone interview held on February 10, 2005. During the interview, Applicants' representatives discussed claim 19 with the Examiner. In particular, Applicants' representatives discussed how the cited reference, Yanai, does not disclose the step recited in claim 19 of automatically establishing a first connection through a network between a first primary storage element and a secondary storage element through which a first logical object can be transferred from the first primary storage element to the secondary storage element, the first connection being determined by at least one of the first primary storage element and the secondary storage element. The Examiner disagreed. Without acceding to the correctness of the Examiner's position, Applicants' representatives agreed to cancel claim 19 and its corresponding dependent claims to expedite allowance of the application.

II. The Application Is In Condition for Allowance

Of the previously pending claims (i.e., claims 1-28), claims 1-18, 26 and 27 were allowed and claims 19-25 and 28 were rejected. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims herein, such that only allowed claims 1-18, 26 and 27 are now pending. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims merely to expedite allowance of the application, and reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims of the application are now allowed. There being no outstanding objections or rejections, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this

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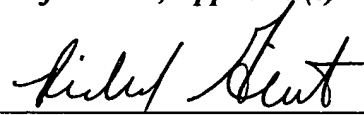
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amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
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